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In re Application of

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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action, mailed May 19, 1999, in the subject application with a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 19, 1999. Accordingly, a petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is requested, and the fee therefor accompanies this response. A Notice of Appeal and its fee also accompanies this response. Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in light of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendment

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 49-51.

Remarks

I. Claim Status

Claims 40-48 and 52-59 are pending in the present application. Claims 49-51 have been canceled. Claims 40-45 and 56-59 stand rejected while claims 46-48 and 52-55 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.